

## REMARKS

Applicant presents a supplemental amendment to the pending claims in the present application.

Specifically, claims 9, 10, and 11, which were previously allowed by the Examiner, are amended to depend from claim 8. Claims 13 and 17 are cancelled. Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-16, and 20 are allowed. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 8, 18, and 19 are presented for consideration.

Claims 13, 18, and 19 were identified as containing allowable subject matter. As advised by the Examiner, claim 8 is amended to recite all of the elements of allowable claim 13 and claims 18 and 19 are rewritten in independent form.

Applicant submits that the amended claims are fully compliant with the Examiner's conditions for allowance. The small entity fee for two additional independent claims was enclosed with the response mailed January 18, 2006.

**For all the foregoing reasons**, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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